

Remarks

The Office Action dated August 24, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-17, 19-29, and 31-34 are pending in this application. Claims 16, 17, 22, 28, 29, and 34 stand rejected. Claims 18-21 and 30-33 stand objected to. Claims 18 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1-15 and 23-27 are withdrawn from consideration.

The objection to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(5) is respectfully traversed.

Submitted herewith, for approval, is a Replacement sheet and an Annotated Marked-up Drawing sheet containing amended Figure 3. Particularly, Figure 3 shows spring bridge 148. No new matter has been added.

Also, submitted herewith, for approval are 15 sheets of Formal Drawings containing Figures 1-22.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 16, 17, 22, 28, 29, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guyatt et al. (US 4,756,338) in view of Timmons (US 4,768,813) and further in view of Morris et al. (US 5,590,913) is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 16 has been amended to recite all the limitations of allowable dependent Claim 18. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 16 is patentable over the cited art.

Claims 17 and 22 depend from independent Claim 16. When the recitations of dependent Claims 17 and 22 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 16, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 17 and 22 likewise are patentable over the cited art.

Independent Claim 28 has been amended to recite all the limitations of allowable dependent Claim 30. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 28 is patentable over the cited art.

Claims 29 and 34 depend from independent Claim 28. When the recitations of dependent Claims 29 and 34 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 28, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 29 and 34 likewise are patentable over the cited art.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 103(a) rejection of Claims 16, 17, 22, 28, 29, and 34 be withdrawn.

The objection to Claims 18-21 and 30-33 as being allowable but being dependent upon a rejected base claim is respectfully traversed.

As explained above, Claims 16 and 28 have been amended to recite all the limitations of allowable Claims 18 and 30 respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 16 and 28 are patentable over the cited art.

Claims 18 and 28 have been canceled.

Claims 19-21 depend from independent Claim 16 and Claims 31-33 depend from independent Claim 28. When the recitations of dependent Claims 19-21 and 31-33 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claims 16 and 28 respectfully, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 19-21 and 31-33 likewise are patentable over the cited art.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 18-21 and 30-33 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

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